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Teacher gets 6 months in jail for sex assault

SENTENCING A former private school teacher who sexually assaulted one of her teenaged students and then gossiped about it to his friends is going to jail for six months and will spend two years on probation, a Vancouver judge ruled yesterday.

The teacher, who can't be named, convinced the Grade 11 student that if he were sexually active he would be more confident.

After the two had sex, the woman phoned two of the teen's friends and talked about what they had done, his lack of experience and her frustration.

The woman had entered a guilty plea in May.

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Commuters board the Canada Line at Waterfront Station during the afternoon rush in Vancouver yesterday. More coverage, pg 3.

Kudos for Canada Line

Most riders finding their commutes faster, more enjoyable

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

Transit riders rated the Canada Line high during yesterday's back-to-school rush, saying it sped up their commute.

Joshua Cheng, who lives near English Bay and works near Cambie and Broadway, said the Canada Line has shaved about 10 minutes off his commute.

"There were quite a bit of people, but it was good," said Cheng, who also noted there is now less walking distance between the bus he takes and the SkyTrain. "It was pleasant, considering today's the first day of school."

Bamishe Davies is a Vancouver resident who just began work in Richmond last week.

"I find it amazing," he said. "We'll see how it goes before I complain, but it's really good so far."

Jonathan Cruz said he has taken the Canada Line every day since it opened.

"It's very good," said Cruz on his way from Richmond-Brighouse to Vancouver City Centre. "It's convenient. I have no complaints."

Among those who spoke with Metro, a few complaints came from those who had to first bus to the Canada Line before utilizing it, while others said their destinations are closer to former 98 B-Line stops.

"It was fine, but there were a lot of stops," said Susanna Archer, who was commuting from Richmond-Brighouse to Yaletown-Roundhouse. "The (Expo and Millennium Lines) seem to go faster, but I still like it better than the bus."

The Line left at least one person asking for more.

"My only complaint is that it doesn't run late enough or frequently enough," said Jamie Carlson, who lives in Vancouver and often works in Richmond until late at night.

May seeks B.C. seat for Green's first

POLITICS Federal Green Party Leader Elizabeth May is jumping across Canada in her attempt to win the Green's first elected seat in Parliament.

May has announced she will seek the nomination in Saanich-Gulf Islands, the B.C. riding currently held by Conservative Gary Lunn, minister of state for sport. The West Coast constituency covers part of southern Vancouver Island and most of the tiny islands dotting the southern Georgia Strait west of Vancouver.

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Elizabeth May

But May must first defeat local Green party member Stuart Hertzog, who has already announced he will seek the nomination and oppose May's plans to parachute into the region.

May has led the national Greens since August 2006 and ran unsuccessfully in last year's federal election against Conservative Peter MacKay.

Although the Central Nova riding encompasses what May has termed her "personal and political roots," she says B.C. is the party's historic seat because the first North American arm of the Green party was formed in the province. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Luxury cars going on display

More than $20 million worth of luxury supercars are coming to Vancouver this weekend, including a Ferrari Enzo, a Maserati MC12 and nearly 100 other pricey cars. The Luxury + Supercar Weekend is taking place at the Edgewater Casino Plaza of Nations on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets range from $20 to $75.

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News in brief

FUNDING Vancouver city councillors passed a motion yesterday calling on the provincial government to restore pending cuts to arts and culture in the province.

GUNFIRE Shots were fired outside a hall in the 700 block of Kingsway just before 1 a.m. on Monday. Police said four men fled the scene, firing several bullets into the entrance of the hall. No one was injured.

DRIVING Vancouver police are warning motorists to slow down and watch for children heading back to school. Motorcycle traffic officers will be targeting school zones.

ASSAULT Delta police seized pepper spray, marijuana and knives from a man's house after he allegedly assaulted another man with pepper spray.

CUT The B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils has had its funding slashed by the provincial government, cknw.com reports. The confederation's annual operating grant has been reduced to $100,000, down from $300,000.

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Tomorrow's Metro

Urban Foodie

This Thursday, be sure to catch Metro's Urban Foodie, a column reviewing Vancouver's top dining spots, just in time for the weekend.

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Blogs It's Called Football welcomes ESPN's Ives Galarcep to discuss the MLS playoff picture and Julian De Guzman joining Toronto FC.

Video Why the priciest gift from Silvio Berlusconi at the recent G8 summit went to Stephen Harper at **metronews.ca/canada**

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Busy day for commuters

But post-Labour Day travel went 'smoothly': TransLink rep

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The Lower Mainland's first commute after the Labour Day weekend went "smoothly" despite a major re-routing of buses to integrate the new Canada Line, a TransLink spokesman said yesterday.

However, Drew Snider warned, the system could be even busier this morning as students head back for a full day of classes. Many students had only a partial day yesterday and travelled outside peak hours.

"We found that people were by and large able to make their connections," Snider said.

"There were a few reports from people who found that their commute was shorter than it normally is. But we've got a lot more days of working out exactly how this fits to see how it's helping people."

TransLink also had "street teams" helping people with their connections.

During the morning commute, Richmond-Brighouse, the final station on the Richmond arm of the Canada Line, saw packed buses arriving and full trains leaving.

At Bridgeport, commuters from south of the Fraser were unable to board the full Brighouse trains. They had to wait for the alternating trains that originate at Vancouver's airport and were nearly empty.

In Vancouver, there were 10- to 15 minute-long lineups for the 99 B-Line at Commercial and Broadway.

Some students coming in on the Canada Line elected to transfer at Oakridge to catch the 41 or 43 bus to the University of B.C. in order to avoid the Broadway rush.

Helping matters on SkyTrain were "turnbacks," with trains running a loop from Waterfront to Commercial station, and the 12 four-car trains.

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TransLink volunteers answer Canada Line commuters' questions yesterday. TransLink also had "street teams" to give directions.

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"It's excellent. It's a direct and faster means of transportation (from Richmond) to Waterfront."
Frans Oka, 28
Richmond Centre to Aberdeen

"The stops are very different from the B-Line. Where I need to go, there's now no bus to and I have to walk two blocks."
Carrie Cheng, 23
Vancouver City Centre to Richmond Centre

"I like it. It's fast. I live in Deep Cove, so I hated driving here. It gets really busy at rush hour, though."
Dane Nicholson, 22
Vancouver City Centre to Alderbridge

"It's really fast. You don't have to wait too long to get it. It comes really quickly."
Marielle Virina, 14
Richmond Centre to Broadway-City Hall

School funding cuts prompt emergency public meeting

EDUCATION The Vancouver board of education has called for an emergency public meeting tonight to deal with what chair Patti Baccus is calling a "funding crisis."

The meeting, which takes place at the Vancouver School Board (1580 West Broadway) at 7 p.m., will address a number of cuts in funding, including the axed annual facilities grant of $110 million across the province and $10.6 million in Vancouver alone.

The grant covers school building, upgrades and repairs.

"We're just being hit with all these grant cuts and we are really reeling from this," said Baccus. "It's a brutal way to be starting the school year."

She added that schools will also be forced to absorb the impact of the new harmonized sales tax, higher MSP premiums and the costs associated with H1N1 flu prevention — soaps, supplies and informational signage — which will likely be upward of $1 million in Vancouver.

On a tour of Victoria High School yesterday, New Democrat Leader Carole James expressed frustration with what she called Premier Gordon Campbell's broken promise to protect education and health care.

"The Campbell Liberals have shown students aren't a priority for them," she said.

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Burnaby **For the record books**

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Ron Morrice, 81, left, Ross Moore, 83, centre, and Chuck Selden, 80, prepare to play in a Geriatric Hockey League game in Burnaby yesterday. The seniors have applied to the Guinness Book of World Records to mark the first time that a game with players aged older than 75 has taken place. Former NHL player Cliff Ronning was refereeing.

2 officers hurt during struggle at city hotel

CRIME A Vancouver police officer suffered broken teeth after he was hit in the face with a laptop while escorting a man out of a hotel.

In all, two officers were injured during the violent struggle that ended only after a Taser was used to subdue the suspect.

The officers were called to the Holiday Inn Hotel on Howe Street on Labour Day to "remove an unwanted party from the lobby," Const. Lindsey Houghton said yesterday.

"As they escorted the man outside, without provocation, he suddenly struck one of the officers in the face with a laptop and repeatedly punched him as he lay on the ground," Houghton said.

Other officers quickly intervened and used a Taser twice, in touch mode, to subdue the man.

Two officers were sent to hospital, one with cuts to his face and broken teeth, the other with injuries to his finger and knees. The suspect was also taken to hospital before being sent to jail.

Joseph Oliver Davis is facing several charges.

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5 nabbed over recycling depot break and enter

CRIME Five people in Nanaimo are facing time in the can after being nabbed for allegedly breaking into a recycling depot.

The suspects were arrested in three incidents over 10 days.

"These individuals cut through fencing and scaled existing fences to gain entry to this business for scrap metal, computer parts and household appliances," said Const. Gary O'Brien in a release yesterday.

"The price of metal and byproducts of these items used in the drug trade are thought to be the motive behind their action."

In all cases, police were alerted when alarms were tripped and they caught the alleged thieves in the recycling depot's compound.

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New concourse opening
The new Concourse linking the Vancouver Convention Centre's East and West buildings officially opens this morning. A blessing ceremony will also be held for the Centre's new Coast Salish Gallery of nine original artworks created by B.C. Coast Salish artists. METRO VANCOUVER

RCMP push for harsher charge in assault case

CRIME Mounties in Maple Ridge are recommending attempted murder charges against a 20-year-old man for a "brutal" beating he allegedly laid on his 18-year-old girlfriend.

The incident occurred at a home in east Maple Ridge at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, said RCMP in a release yesterday.

Neighbours heard the commotion and called the police.

The couple told Mounties that the problem "had left" the house and that all was fine.

The next day, the 18-year-old victim came to the Ridge Meadow RCMP station and told police what had happened.

The man was arrested and was expected to appear in court yesterday.

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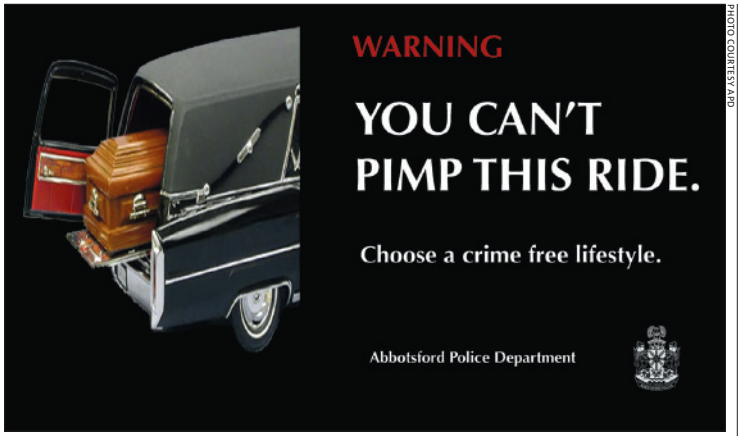

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A poster being distributed by Abbotsford Police Department to discourage youth from gangs.

Taking the shine off

Police campaign aims to show reality of gang life

Abbotsford police have launched a new campaign to show the hard truth about gang life.

Timed to coincide with the start of the school year, Operation Tarnish: Taking The Shine Off The Gang Lifestyle is meant to prevent youngsters from being lured to a life of gangs and drugs. One of the main components of the campaign is a series of posters modelled after Health Canada's warning labels — like the ones on cigarette packs. Each poster contains a serious graphic and an engaging phrase using language familiar to youth.

In May, the Abbotsford police chief, mayor and chair of the board of education issued a public warning to youth involved in crime, specifically drug dealing and the gang activity, that they were putting their lives at risk.

It followed the targeted killing of two low-level drug dealers aged 19 and 21 in that community. They were apparently killed because of their association with the Red Scorpions gang.

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Researchers call for weather warning

CLIMATE Unprecedented snowfall in the Maritimes and the recent record-breaking heat in B.C. are evidence that Canada needs policies to better deal with the fallout of extreme weather brought on by climate change, according to SFU researchers.

Their report, entitled Climate Change Adaptation and Extreme Weather, recommends establishing a national climate action centre and a public warning system and information service to warn Canadians about wild weather.

News in brief

CRIME A Kelowna RCMP officer has been charged with assault causing bodily harm after he struck a pregnant woman holding a pit bull that bit him.

WEAPON Two men on Saltspring Island had their faces slashed by what appeared to be gloves with blades attached. Mounties arrested a 39-year-old suspect.

FIRE More than 1,000 firefighters are still active in B.C. battling various small wildfires.

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Ceremony for slain soldiers to go today
A repatriation ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. PST today at Canadian Forces Base Trenton, Ont., for the two latest Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Tories to extend EI benefits?

The Harper government appears poised to extend the duration of employment insurance benefits, a potentially election-averting move aimed at shaming the Liberals and wooing the NDP. Human Resources Minister Diane Finley, left, confirmed Monday that measures will be introduced soon after Parliament resumes Sept. 14 to help long-tenured workers whose jobless benefits are running out. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Former diplomat believes betrayal lead to kidnapping

REPORT Former Canadian diplomat Robert Fowler says he believes someone in the government of Niger or possibly with the United Nations betrayed him to al-Qaida.

Fowler

Fowler tells CBC's The National in a story to be broadcast soon that someone "shopped" him to his captors.

The special UN envoy to Niger and his aide Louis Guay spent four months in captivity after they were taken at gunpoint last December while driving northwest of the capital.

In a story about the interview published on CBC's website, the now-retired diplomat blames a possible leak of his whereabouts from someone in the Niger government or perhaps an al-Qaida sympathizer with the UN office in West Africa or New York. Only the government and the UN knew his itinerary.

He says Niger "hated" the mission aimed at resolving a dispute between rebels and the government over resource royalties. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian banks tops in the world, says forum

RANKINGS Canada has again won the top rating in the world for the soundness of its banking sector, a fundamental strength many credit for the country's ability to escape the worst of the global recession.

The World Economic Forum rankings released yesterday places Canada's banks as the soundest in the world for the second straight year, followed by New Zealand and Australia.

The banking sector is one of the criteria the Geneva-based organization uses to rate countries in terms of overall competitiveness, and was a factor in Switzerland replacing the United States at the top of the overall scale.

Canada moved up to ninth place from 10th last year and from 13th in 2007 for overall competitiveness. The much-derided U.S. banks were judged 108th soundest, near the bottom of the 133 countries rated. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Democracy Watch co-ordinator Duff Conacher waits for proceedings to begin in Federal Court in Ottawa yesterday. Democracy Watch says the prime minister broke his own fixed-date election law when he asked the government to dissolve Parliament last September.

Lawyers square off over election legality

Group argues PM broke his own fixed-date vote law

Lawyers are squaring off in Federal Court over whether Stephen Harper's early election call exactly one year ago was illegal.

The watchdog group Democracy Watch says the prime minister broke his own fixed-date election law when he asked the Governor General to dissolve Parliament last September.

Harper's fixed-date election law, passed in 2007, had set next month for the next federal vote — unless opposition MPs voted non-confidence in the government.

Government lawyers are relying on arguments that the fixed-date law does not restrict the prime minister from asking the Governor General to dissolve Parliament, as Harper did last year.

Democracy Watch wants a clear court ruling that what Harper did was illegal.

"It was exactly the mischief the bill was designed to stop," lawyer Peter Rosenthal, representing Democracy Watch, told Justice Michael Shore.

Democracy Watch says there was no reason for Harper to force last year's vote — other than his hunch that he could win a majority government.

He did not, and his minority government faces growing opposition pressure to face yet another fall election — the fourth in five years.

It could be several days or weeks before the judge rules after the full-day hearing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The stakes

- If Democracy Watch wins, Conacher says his group will consider launching a class-action effort to recoup the $350 million taxpayers spent on the last vote. It will also push for legislation creating a 30- to 60-day "cooling off" period to allow all parties to prepare for campaigns.

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Bloc boss convinced election is inevitable

POLITICS Bloc Quebecois Leader Gilles Duceppe says he's convinced Canadians are headed to the polls this fall.

The Bloc is already planning a double-barrelled blast at Michael Ignatieff and Stephen Harper, including ads that tear a strip off both adversaries.

It's the first time in memory that it's targeted the two biggest national parties at once, in an indication of how Quebec appears to have become a three-way battlefield.

"I've acquired over recent days across Quebec the firm conviction that, barring a major change, there will be an election," Duceppe told a news conference yesterday in Quebec City.

"Mr. Ignatieff was clear — he can no longer back away. As for Mr. Harper, he is inflexible and has not given any signs of openness."

Duceppe said his campaign ads will show Quebecers that his two main rivals share the same restrictive vision of the Quebecois nation.

"Mr. Harper said, 'We recognized the nation, it's over.' Mr. Ignatieff said, 'Quebec doesn't need any more powers,' " Duceppe said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

FLQ A federal agency says it will give the green light to an event on the Plains of Abraham despite controversy over reading a terrorist manifesto. The National Battlefields Commission said it will allow the event to proceed despite the controversy involving the Front de Liberation du Quebec. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Polio vaccinations resume in Pakistan

Authorities in Pakistan's Swat Valley have resumed vaccinating children for polio, a practice the Taliban had banned as un-Islamic before they were beaten back by an army offensive, an official said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Alcohol ads should go: Brit doctors

British doctors are calling for a total ban on alcohol advertisements in an effort to control their country's drinking culture. The British Medical Association says irresponsible drinking is being underpinned by "clever alcohol advertising" which needs to be stamped out. In a report published yesterday, the association said alcohol companies were spending hundreds of millions a year to promote consumption of their wares. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yale nixes controversial cartoons

Criticized for nixing Prophet Muhammad images from book over risk of violence

Yale University has removed cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad from an upcoming book about how they caused outrage across the Muslim world, drawing criticism from prominent alumni and a national group of university professors.

Yale cited fears of violence. Yale University Press, which the university owns, removed the 12 caricatures from the book The Cartoons That Shook the World by Brandeis University professor Jytte Klausen.

The book is scheduled to be released next week.

A Danish newspaper originally published the cartoons — including one depicting Muhammad wearing a bomb-shaped turban — in 2005. Other Western publications reprinted them. The following year, the cartoons triggered massive protests from Morocco to Indonesia.

Islamic law generally opposes any depiction of the prophet, even favourable, for fear it could lead to idolatry.

"The decision rested solely on the experts' assessment that there existed a substantial likelihood of violence."
Statement from Yale Press

"I think it's horrifying that the campus of Nathan Hale has become the first place where America surrenders to this kind of fear because of what extremists might possibly do," said Michael Steinberg, an attorney and Yale graduate.

Steinberg was among 25 alumni who signed a protest letter sent Friday to Yale Alumni Magazine that urged the university to restore the drawings to the book. Other signers included John Bolton, a former U.S. ambassador to the UN, former Bush administration speechwriter David Frum and Seth Corey, a liberal doctor.

In a statement explaining the decision, Yale University Press said it decided to exclude a Danish newspaper page of the cartoons and other depictions of Muhammad after asking the university for help on the issue. It said the university consulted counterterrorism officials, diplomats and the top Muslim official at the United Nations.

"The decision rested solely on the experts' assessment that there existed a substantial likelihood of violence that might take the lives of innocent victims," the statement said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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News in brief

RAIDS Iranian security agents raided offices connected to senior reformist leader Mahdi Karroubi yesterday, arresting four aides and closing the headquarters of his political party, which had been probing abuse of protesters. The raids appeared aimed at crushing a campaign spearheaded by Karroubi to bring to light alleged torture and rapes of detainees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Woman released from jail – against her will

SUDAN A woman journalist convicted of public indecency for wearing trousers outdoors was freed yesterday, despite her own desire to serve a month in prison as protest against Sudan's draconian morality laws.

The judge who convicted Lubna Hussein had imposed a $200 fine as her sentence, avoiding the maximum sentence of 40 lashes in an apparent attempt to put an end to a case that had raised international criticism of Sudan.

But Hussein refused to pay the fine, which would have meant a month's imprisonment. She told The Associated Press that she was freed yesterday after the fine was paid without her knowledge by the Journalist Union, which is headed by a member of the ruling party.

"I had no choice. All my friends knew I didn't want to pay the fine," Hussein said, speaking by phone from Khartoum. "I had chosen prison, and not to pay the fine in solidarity with hundreds of other women jailed" under this law.

Hussein said she suspects that the authorities don't want her to spend any time in the prison in Omdurman, on the outskirts of Khartoum, where she said at least 800 women are serving time, many of them convicted under the indecency law.

Ever since her arrest in July, the 43-year-old Hussein has used her case to draw attention to Sudan's indecency law, which allows flogging as a punishment for any acts or clothing that is seen as offending morals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Lubna Hussein, wearing the trousers that caused her arrest, arrives at court Monday.

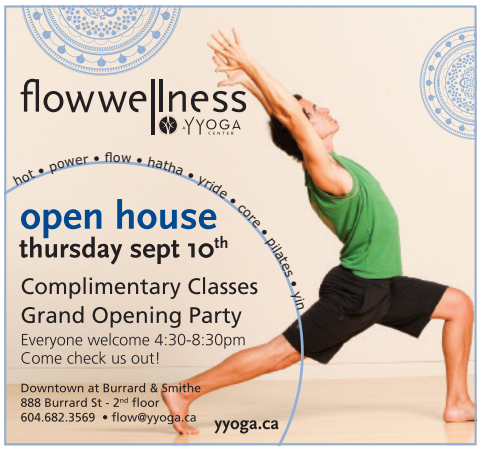
Arrest of suspected serial killer sparks dispute over DNA

MILWAUKEE Police investigating a string of cold-case slayings identified their prime suspect after obtaining DNA from his toothbrush late last month, but investigators should have had a sample from him eight years earlier, before the last killing.

Two state agencies are now disputing whether the sample — mandated by state law — was taken, and if so, what happened to it.

Police said Walter E. Ellis of Milwaukee was arrested Saturday after a state crime lab matched his DNA to samples taken from nine women killed between 1986 and 2007.

Ellis was in prison from 1998 to 2001, which meant a 2000 state law mandating corrections officials obtain DNA from all prisoners with felony convictions should have applied to him, but the state Department of Justice said it never received the sample. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Storm kills 14 in South America
A violent storm that spawned a tornado has killed 14 people across northern Argentina, southern Brazil and Uruguay, authorities said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kids head back to class with President Obama

In a pep talk that kept clear of politics, U.S. President Barack Obama yesterday challenged the nation's students to take pride and ownership in their education — and stick with it even if they don't like every class or must overcome tough circumstances at home.

"Every single one of you has something that you're good at. Every single one of you has something to offer," Obama told students at Wakefield High School in suburban Arlington, Va., and children watching his speech on TV in schools across the country. "And you have a responsibility to yourself to discover what that is."

Presidents often visit schools, and Obama was not the first one to offer a back-to-school address aimed at millions of students in every grade. Yet, this speech came with a dose of controversy, as several conservative organizations and many concerned parents warned Obama was trying to sell his political agenda. That concern was caused in part by an accompanying administration lesson plan encouraging students to "help the president," which the White House later revised.

Obama preceded his broad-scale talk with a meeting with Wakefield students, where at one point he advised them to "be careful what you post on Facebook. Whatever you do, it will be pulled up later in your life."

"When I was your age," Obama said, "I was a little bit of a goof-off. My main goal was to get on the varsity basketball team and have fun."

The uproar over his speech followed him across the Potomac River, as his motorcade was greeted by a small band of protesters. One carried a sign exclaiming: "Mr. President, stay away from our kids."

Obama is not the first president to give such a school-opening talk, but his plans seemed to almost immediately get plunged in controversy. Critics accused him of overstepping his authority, and school districts in some areas decided not to provide their students access to his midday speech.

Duncan acknowledged yesterday some of the prepared guidance for school officials included a suggestion that students could compose essays stating how they could help support Obama – an idea the education secretary acknowledged was wrongheaded.

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News in brief

THESSALONIKI Greek authorities say a former basketball player and two other people have been arrested for possession of arms — including two rocket grenade launchers. Greek-Russian Michail Misounov, 45, and two Greeks aged 29 and 50 were arrested in the northern port city of Thessaloniki early yesterday, police said. They said the two empty launchers and a handgun were found in the suspects' homes. Misounov is a former player with Aris, a Thessaloniki basketball team.

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Common sense dulled

Be prepared, but don't carry knives, says U.K. Scouting

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One of the hazards of being in the news business is you encounter so much preposterousness you never know whether to laugh or cry.

For example, Scouting, the official voice for the Boy Scouts in Britain, has advised scouts to stop carrying Boy Scout knives.

This is to prevent the spread of what Scouting calls "a growing knife culture in the U.K."

In response to the outcry, a Scout spokesperson left little doubt they were serious: "Scouting helps to prepare young people with valuable life skills, while keeping them safe by not carrying knives."

Wait a minute. The Boy Scout motto is: "Be Prepared." How are they supposed to be prepared to cut kindling, peel potatoes, open cans or other important Boy Scout stuff if they take away their Boy Scout knives?

When I think of the endless hours I spent as a Cub tying all those stupid reef knots and playing dodge ball in church basements so I could step up to Scouts and my own official Boy Scout knife, I feel the need to both laugh and cry.

Laugh because the idea of camping without tools or depending on the pack adult to pass out knives at the appropriate moment makes a mockery out of the self-reliance required to be a scout. Either give the little blighters the knowledge and skill required to become good scouts, or keep them at home and give out badges for ordering pizza.

Cry because in an attempt to remove life's sharp edges, we're putting our boys in a bubble, and boys are suffering for it. Indeed, there is a thin line between savagery and civilization, but there is also one between civilization and demoralization, and somehow we have to civilize boys without turning them into ciphers.

I hasten to add that girls are just as disadvantaged by the ban, as girls need to be just as prepared as boys. What's next? Confiscate all the needles from the sewing kits? No tent pegs?

And in case you were thinking Boy Scouts are anachronisms in the Age of Taking the 4-Wheel Drive to the Mall, last year there was a waiting list of 32,000 in the U.K. alone. Maybe kids are tired of Tweeting.

This knife thing is really disturbing because it comes out of the England, home of the father of Scouting, Lord Baden Powell. Just in case you were wondering what old BP thought about it, here's his take, right out of the Boy Scout manual:

"Be Prepared ... a scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practising how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise." And: "The boy is not governed by don't, but is led by do."

So … DYB! DYB DYB! (Do Your Best!)

Get the point?

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Worth mentioning

New climate change pact in peril: Ministers

Two British Cabinet ministers said yesterday that attempts to broker a new global pact on climate change by the end of the year are at risk of failing.

Hopes for an agreement being reached at a United Nations summit in December "hang in the balance," undermined by a climate of suspicion between rich and poor countries, said Foreign Secretary David Miliband, speaking at a press conference with his brother, Climate Change Secretary Ed Miliband.

But David Miliband told reporters in London that the complexity of negotiations and disputes between industrialized and developing nations over cuts to emissions threaten to ruin a deal.

"The deal the world needs in Copenhagen is now in the balance," he said. "There's a real danger the talks scheduled for December will not reach a positive outcome, and an equal danger in the run-up to Copenhagen that people don't wake up to the danger of failure until it's too late." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

5.2 Nations will meet in Copenhagen, Denmark, to attempt to strike a pact to succeed the Kyoto Protocol, which bound 37 industrial countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 5.2 per cent of 1990 levels by 2012.

Word on the street: How do you feel about the prospects of a fall federal election?

Jim Kiem
age 47, Vancouver

A: It's pretty quick for a fall election. It's a 50-50 thing on whether we should go back for another election ... but maybe we should see if we can have a majority government.

Sarah Mirosevic
age 19, Vancouver

A: It's only been a year since the last one. It seems it's too soon. It takes a while to get things rolling.

Jay Pillar
age 24, Vancouver

A: It doesn't bother me to have a fall election. It's tough to get anything done with the minority government that is in place. Perhaps a fall election is necessary.

Anne Melanson
age 44, Dartmouth, N.S.

A: A federal election in this country is becoming a bit of an annual event. If it leads to a majority government either way and we can move forward with some serious agendas, then I'm all for it.

Alex Schecter
age 33, Ottawa

A: Nothing is going to change. I think Canadians have been through enough elections where nothing has changed. I think we're probably getting a little tired of the process and tired of wasting money.

Kaycy Szy
age 44, Toronto

A: I think we just had one and we're too busy and there's not enough money. We'd be better off without it.

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Business in brief

METALS Gold rose above $1,000 US per ounce yesterday to its highest since March 2008, indicating investors are wary of the U.S. dollar's weakness. Gold for October delivery traded up $9.69 US, or 1.0 per cent, at $1,005.00 per troy ounce on the New York Mercantile Exchange. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Dollar heads for parity again

The Canadian dollar's apparently relentless climb back to parity with the U.S. dollar is leading to speculation that the Bank of Canada may be considering doing more than talk about the dangers of a strong loonie.

The loonie has appreciated more than two cents in the past few trading days and many are projecting it could attain parity by the end of the year. It closed at 92.64 cents U.S. yesterday, after briefly hitting 93.44.

BoC warnings

- Carney and his deputies have issued sporadic public warnings about the strong loonie's impact on the economy since June, with only anecdotal evidence that the exhortations had the desired effect.

While that may sound good to snowbirds contemplating a trip south, bank governor Mark Carney has warned such a move puts economic recovery in jeopardy.

Avrim Lazar of the Forest Products Association of Canada estimated for each penny rise in the loonie's value, the battered pulp industry loses 15 per cent in returns. "We export more than two-thirds of what we make, so any sign of recovery will be undermined by the dollar going up," he said.

Most observers expect Carney to once again hector about the dollar's inflated value at Thursday's announcement. But economists caution the bank risks losing credibility if it keeps warning about action, without following through. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Telus takes over Black's Photo in $28M deal

WIRELESS Telus Corp. is acquiring Black's Photo for $28 million, joining rival Bell Canada in bulking up its retail presence in advance of the arrival of new competitors for wireless customers next year.

Some time before the holiday shopping season, Black's stores will begin selling Telus wireless products and services at 113 locations across the country, with a particular strength in Ontario.

Chief financial officer Robert McFarlane said yesterday Telus needs to increase its distribution in the most populous province and Black's is a "perfect fit."

Telus acquired Black's from the privately owned ReichmannHauer Capital Partners, which had purchased the chain in October 2007. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bell's buyout

- The Telus announcement follows a similar move by Bell Canada to buy 750 The Source electronics stores in March after Circuit City, its American parent, went bankrupt in the U.S.
- The Source stores will more than double Bell's national retail network to 1,450 outlets.

McLoser **McCurry keeps name**

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A McDonald's mascot is displayed outside one of the chain's restaurants at a shopping mall in Kuala Lumpur. The U.S. fast food giant lost an eight-year trademark battle to prevent local restaurant McCurry from using the 'Mc' prefix in a precedent-setting judgment.

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Sports

Angel picks up the tab

At most PGA Tour stops, caddies can find a good, inexpensive meal in the "Caddywagon," a trailer that serves as a diner on wheels. But last week at the Deutsche Bank Championship caddies ate free. Masters champion Angel Cabrera, left, put the meals on his tab. "It is customary in Argentina that when you win a tournament, you invite the caddies to dinner," said Cabrera, who started out as a caddie himself. "I was just waiting for the right time." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Impact clinch playoff spot

The Montreal Impact clinched their eighth consecutive United Soccer Leagues First Division playoff berth after Rochester defeated Miami 2-1 on Tuesday.

The top seven teams in the USL First Division make the playoffs. The sixth-place Impact have 39 points, 11 more than eighth place Miami, with three games remaining. At three points for a win, Miami can finish the season with a maximum of 37 points.

The Vancouver Whitecaps are currently in seventh with 36 points. They can clinch a playoff spot with a win against the Impact Wednesday in Montreal.

The Impact won the league title in 1994 and 2004.

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Sports in brief

TRACK The results of Caster Semenya's gender verification tests are due to arrive at the IAAF any day, but the outcome is unlikely to see the world 800-metre champion stripped of her gold medal. Doubts about the South African's gender surfaced at the world athletics championships last month in Berlin.

HOCKEY Jonathan Roy, the son of NHL hockey legend Patrick Roy, will stand trial next month and face assault charges for the on-ice beating he delivered to an opposing goalie in Quebec's major junior league. Roy had been trying to get the case tossed out. That motion was rejected yesterday.

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Coyote bidder bails

Ice Edge drops out, leaving Balsillie, NHL in hunt

The Phoenix Coyotes appear to have one less potential buyer.

Ice Edge Holdings, a group made up of Canadian and American businessmen, no longer intends to participate in tomorrow's auction for the bankrupt NHL team, according to a court filing yesterday from NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman.

Ice Edge had initially said it would spend up to $150 million US to buy the team and keep it in Arizona, provided the group could work out a new lease arrangement with the city of Glendale.

If Ice Edge does not submit a bid, the field of buyers would narrow to Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie and the NHL.

Balsillie has the highest bid, as much as $242.5 million US, and is contingent on moving the team to Hamilton. The NHL bid $140 million US to buy the team and keep it in Glendale. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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'I played poorly': Murray

U.S. OPEN Disappointed.

That was the word Andy Murray used over and over to describe how he felt about his exit from the U.S. Open.

After all, Murray arrived at Flushing Meadows ranked No. 2, owner of a tour-leading 37 wins on hard courts this season - and quite sure he was prepared to win his first Grand Slam title a year after reaching the U.S. Open final. Instead, he heads home after the fourth round, a 7-5, 6-2, 6-2 loser to No. 16 Marin Cilic of Croatia yesterday.

"I just struggled today. I played poorly," Murray said. "I could have been better in pretty much every part of the game, whether it was mental or serve, forehand, backhand, returns."

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Andy Murray reacts after losing a point to Marin Cilic yesterday at the U.S. Open. Cilic defeated Murray 7-5, 6-2, 6-2.

And now Murray will slide back to No. 3 in the rankings, a spot behind Rafael Nadal, who will move up by virtue of beating No. 13 Gael Monfils 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 in Tuesday night's last match to get to the quarter-finals.

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Beckham eyeing Montreal MLS team?

SOCCER David Beckham's interest in owning a piece of Major League Soccer could lead him to Montreal, according to a report.

The England star, who plays for the Los Angeles Galaxy, has previously confirmed he has an option to get into ownership. Now a report says Montreal could be a fit.

The New York Times, citing a source with "knowledge of Beckham's planning," says Beckham and his management team are interested in partnering with Montreal Impact owner Joey Saputo in an MLS franchise in Montreal.

The Impact, which plays in the USL First Division, had looked at an expansion MLS franchise but balked at the $40 million US price tag. The franchise fee was later dropped to $35 million US.

The Times says Beckham's MLS contract includes a clause that enables him to operate a team, or part of a team as early as the 2012 season.

"There's a deal in place where I can purchase an MLS team or start a franchise," Beckham told reporters in August. "It's something I am definitely interested in, or I wouldn't have it in my contract."

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Workology

French fight in Quebec

Former Quebec premier Bernard Landry believes the province should impose French-only college education on the children of immigrants. Landry says it's time to apply Bill 101, launched in 1977 with the goal of protecting the French language in Quebec, to the province's CÉGEPs to ensure immigrant youth are fully integrated as francophones. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Working with your hands

Skilled trades offer great compensation and are in demand

Skilled **Trades**

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Here's a question: Which career averages a six-figure salary while guaranteeing employers across the country will climb over each other to hire you?

If you answered skilled trades, pat yourself on the back for getting something right that most Canadians tends to get wrong.

Despite many common misconceptions, careers in the skilled trades for electricians, welders, crane operators and scores of other trades people are lucrative, in demand and provide some of the steadiest and most satisfying employment available.

While the recent recession has impacted all levels of industry throughout the country, George Gritziotis, executive director of the Construction Sector Council, says the construction industry managed more of a soft landing as a result of almost $10 billion in government stimulus money and an unprecedented construction boom from 1996-2008, which saw employment hit a record of 1.2 million workers Canada-wide.

"Parts of the country went from overheated and super busy down to just being busy, so the downturn for us wasn't as dramatic as it could have been," he said.

Careers in the skilled trades usually begin with an apprenticeship that lasts five years, followed by graduation to journeyman status for full employment prospects. The ongoing shortage of skilled-trade workers across Canada is so pronounced, Gritziotis says, that before the current recession employers were hiring students before they had even finished their full apprenticeships.

With a shift from the private sector towards government-funded building construction projects such as roads, bridges, hospitals and schools, careers in skilled trades are likely to enjoy a strong foundation.

"For 2010 we're seeing a shift from private sector construction towards more in the public sector and that is good news if you're somebody coming into the industry because many of those public sector projects are long-term projects," Gritziotis said.

"There is a real career and a career path out there."
George Gritziotis on the potential of skilled trades

Despite the positive employment prospects for skilled-trades careers however, the future looks troubling for employers because Gritziotis says fewer people are going into the skilled trades than are retiring every year.

Skills Canada polls have shown that 60 per cent of young people say their parents have not encouraged them to consider a career in trades.

"The thing that doesn't change is demographics. How many parents look at a career in construction or trades as being a career that continues? The truth is it's not just a job to save up money to go into something else. There is a real career and a career path out there," he said.

A recent Construction Sector Council study estimates roughly 20 per cent of skilled-trades workers will retire by 2017 leading to a need for 300,000 new workers to fill the needs of the industry within that same time period.

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MacEwan hoping for university designation this month
Now that Edmonton's Mount Royal is a university, Grant MacEwan College hopes it will be awarded university status this month to follow in Royal's footsteps. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Women's gain at work is men's loss

Women labour leaders say there's a "dark side" to Statistics Canada figures suggesting that for the first time in history there are more women than men in Canada's workforce.

A recently issued labour force survey found that about 7.1 million women were in paid employment during the first half of 2009, compared to 6.9 million men.

Women outnumbered men in both the "under 25 years" and the "25 years and over" demographics.

The figures are not a reflection of gains in female-dominated industries, but of layoffs and cutbacks in male-dominated industries, such as the beleaguered manufacturing and natural resources sectors, said labour leaders in the auto and nursing sector.

"Nobody should break out the champagne here."
CAW representative Laurell Ritchie, on the dark side of this workplace trend

"Nobody should break out the champagne here," said Laurell Ritchie, a national representative with the Canadian Auto Workers' union. "There is a dark side to this story."

In the past year, employment among women has risen by 0.6 per cent, while men's employment has fallen by 1.7 per cent in the same period, the report indicates.

"Men are losing jobs, they're unemployed, they're taking early retirement, when that may not have been their original plan, or moving into self-employment," Ritchie said.

"With women, there has been some increase in some areas of the service sector, like health care, and women predominate in those jobs."

Ritchie said she was reviewing the report and noticed something she had never seen before — that there were more women in paid employment than men.

She called Statistics Canada and got the numbers confirmed.

But the study's figures do not include Canadians who are self-employed or unemployed who are actively seeking jobs.

Women are taking part-time and any work they can get, to put food on the table for their families, said Lesley Bell, a registered nurse and CEO of the Ontario Nurses' Association.

"Women are only paid 71 cents on the dollar in relation to men so they're cheaper costs," said Bell, whose association is 98 per cent women. "Women are getting more work, but at a much lower rate usually."

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Workology in **brief**

RETIREMENT ON HOLD According to a recent study by the Bank of Montreal Retirement Institute, many Canadian boomers are being forced to put their retirement on hold due to the recent global economic downturn in order to supplement their retirement income. Many boomers apparently have a retirement dream, but not a detailed plan on how to achieve their goals. Therefore, experts suggest boomers obtain professional advice on their finances in order to fully understand their income versus their expenses in retirement. Many people may be surprised to find out that they don't have to work for as many more years as they thought.

YOUTH FUSION A new program by the non-profit group Youth Fusion aims to prevent Montreal high school students in disadvantaged areas from dropping out of school. As part of the program, two dozen Montreal university students will spend 15 hours a week at six local high schools over the next year, implementing extra-curricular projects such as a young entrepreneurs club, an elaborate talent show, a school newspaper and a science fair aimed at motivating students to stay in school. Youth Fusion has amassed $230,000 in funding for the project, which they hope to continue expanding.

CASH FOR LAKEHEAD The federal government announced last Friday $13 million from the Knowledge Infrastructure Program for the construction of a new multi-use academic building at Lakehead University's Orillia campus. The facility will allow the university to offer more academic programs in the arts and sciences, environmental studies, business administration, and social work.

STUDENT UNEMPLOYMENT According to new Statistics Canada figures, last month's unemployment rate for students aged 15 to 24 rose five per cent from August 2008 to 16.4 per cent, the highest August level since comparable data became available in 1977.

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Enrolment boom at Lakeland College
Alberta-based Lakeland College anticipates enrolment to increase by as much as 25 per cent this year due to a rise in the number of returning students. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology in brief

NEW JOBS? According to report released on Sept. 4 by Statistics Canada, Canada's economy unexpectedly created 27,100 jobs in August. Although all the jobs were part-time in the retail, wholesale, construction, finance and real estate sectors, it helped boost the Canadian dollar up eight-tenths of a cent to 91.44 cents US. Many leading economists say this data is a positive sign that economic recovery has started. However, there were still 15,000 job losses in Canada in August, while the number was much greater south of border, at 200,000 job losses. The main full-time job losses occurred in manufacturing and education.

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Resigning need not be the end of a job

WorkplaceLaw

"Once you learn to quit, it becomes a habit."
–VINCE LOMBARDI

After a tumultuous nine-year relationship with his boss, Juan Moreno may have finally had enough of his job. But when he left the Oakville, Ont., offices of Comfact Corporation after another argument, he didn't think it would be his last day of work. Moreno hadn't been formally terminated, and he didn't think he had resigned either. When he was accused of quitting, however, Moreno wasn't about to go quietly.

Over the course of their working relationship, Moreno often butted heads with his boss, and Comfact's president, Robert McAllister. As the general manager, Moreno felt that he wasn't being treated with enough respect.

Following another one of their routine flare-ups, Moreno gave McAllister a letter announcing that he would be resigning in two weeks' time. McAllister did not accept Moreno's resignation. Instead, he suggested that they let cooler heads prevail and meet in a few days to discuss the matter again. When they later met, the meeting went well, and Moreno withdrew his resignation. He and McAllister agreed that they would continue as before, as if nothing had happened.

A few months later Moreno and McAllister sparred again the day after Moreno returned from a two-week vacation. According to McAllister, Moreno had a "stupid" idea for one of his files and when he told him so, the conversation became heated. The next morning McAllister wrote a letter to Moreno advising him that he had accepted his resignation. Moreno packed his personal belongings and left. He was then given two weeks' severance pay.

At a recent trial to determine whether Moreno had quit or was fired, McAllister attempted to persuade the judge that Moreno had declared his intention to resign during the argument. However, the judge wasn't convinced. Prior to Moreno's departure, McAllister had mentioned that he wanted to "get rid" of Moreno, and the resignation that he purported to accept was the same resignation that had been withdrawn months earlier. When McAllister attempted to accept a resignation that had already been withdrawn, Moreno was effectively fired.

"In order for a resignation to be effective, the real test is whether the employee's actions are consistent with someone voluntarily wishing to leave."

In order for a resignation to be effective, the real test is whether the employee's actions are consistent with someone voluntarily wishing to leave. I currently have two such cases. In one, the employee emphatically denies having uttered the words "I quit." In the other, she asserts that the employer wrongly attributed to her a statement indicating that she had resigned. In both cases, the employees came to work the next day as if nothing unusual had happened. The conclusion to their cases will be, I suspect, based not upon the words used by my clients but on their actions and conduct at the time that those words were said — and afterwards. Nothing else ought to be dispositive.

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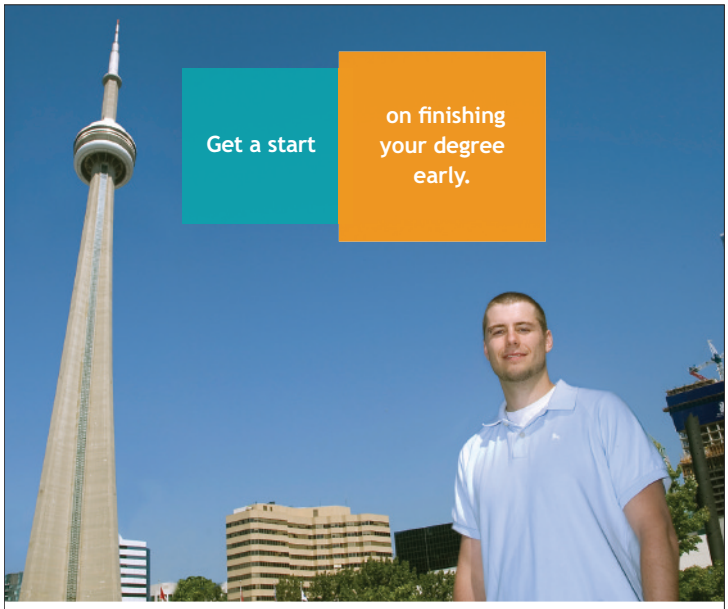

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Taking a leap into self-publishing

With financial risk and a lot of work, authors can find their way into print

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Erin Bolger had a vision of what she wanted her maiden manuscript to look like in published form: A country-meets-city cookbook with punchy colours, vivid photographs and an openness about herself at the "heart" of the book.

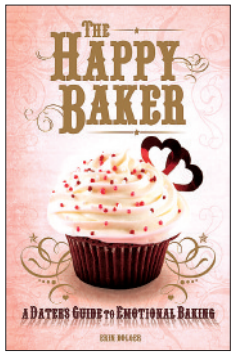
"I thought publishers might want to take that out and make it a little more safe," said the Toronto-via-Blyth, Ont. author. "They might want to change the title or direction of the book."

Instead, she took the reins — and complete creative control — before publishers could, opting to self-publish The Happy Baker: A Dater's Guide to Emotional Baking. Using connections she made working as a makeup artist and in television, Bolger hired a photographer and designer and sought out an Ottawa printer to turn her literary loaf from dough to dessert.

But it didn't come without work. "With self-publishing, you're doing everything," said Bolger, who estimates she worked 12 hours a day for a year, "I'm the one driving my books to the Chapters distribution centre. I still have to do all my own PR." And as someone who had never entered debt, going $45,000 into the red was a setback she took on largely because of wider economic circumstances. "In a way, the economy being the way it was, was the reason I decided to do it. Everybody was in debt. I just thought I'd be in debt with everyone else."

By Keith Ogorek's measure, it may have been Bolger's best bet. The vice president of marketing for Bloomington, Ind.-based Author Solutions, a network of self-publishing companies, said money woes have categorically affected traditional publishers, who are acquiring less content and investing more in "celebrity author" sure bets instead of up-and-coming writers.

Erin Bolger took a leap of faith to self-publish her first book, The Happy Baker: A Dater's Guide to Emotional Baking.



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"It's really squeezed the market, including an author's ability to get their books into the market and develop a following," he said. "Self-publishing allows an author to invest in their work, whereas before, they would have been completely and fully dependent on a traditional publisher liking their work."

And the price of a publisher picking up an unknown's work can be hefty, yielding a new author about one dollar per book. But Ogorek said direct distribution enables authors to earn higher royalties, a trend he said is akin to what's already happened in film and music. "Artists (who) really believe in their work have circumvented the traditional major channels to invest in their own films and distribution, music and recordings. Now, it's become the same trend in publishing."

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There's just something about Subaru that doesn't appeal to the general public. That's fine for company fans, though, who appreciate the rally history, turbocharged performance and all-wheel drive. When trying to build sales, though, sometimes you have to broaden your sights.

That worked for the 2009 Impreza, whose softening drew cries of criticism from the Subaru faithful, but also drew 50 per cent more sales.

Now it's the 2010 Legacy's turn. It takes careful aim at the mainstream, targeting the Honda Accord, Nissan Altima and Toyota Camry. In an effort to bring its size in line with its Japanese rivals, Subaru stretched the sedan in every direction. The increased space is aimed at improving cabin room while easing access to the rear seats.

The second row went from cramped to comfortable, thanks also to sculpted front seat-backs and longer rear doors that widen the gap available to climb in.

The all-wheel-drive Legacy is powered by a familiar mix of boxer engines, ranging from a 170-hp 2.5-litre SOHC through to the turbocharged 265-hp 2.5-litre DOHC version in the hot-handling GT. The mid-level six-cylinder is now 3.6 litres, and delivers 256 hp. For those concerned with protecting the environment without resorting to expensive hybrid or diesel alternatives, the Legacy PZEV (Partial Zero Emissions Vehicle) is still available.

The 2010 Subaru Legacy

The biggest news for 2010 is Subaru's new continuously variable transmission (CVT) that replaces a traditional automatic on 2.5i and PZEV models. It uses a chain rather than a belt to deliver greater efficiency, which translates to better power delivery and increased fuel economy.

On the road, the Legacy handles all conditions with aplomb, and is probably the best handling in the class. The steering is light, but direct, the body is controlled in corners, and it feels rock-solid on highways and backroads.

Style-wise, the new Legacy blends many current styling cues floating around the market to create a handsome if slightly forgettable design. You'll find bits of Infiniti, Lexus and Saturn in the crisp sides and arched rooflines.

Thankfully, Subaru keeps its traditional tall greenhouse that's easy to see out of.

The cabin falls into the generic-modern segment. Cover the badges and you could be in a Mazda, Hyundai, Suzuki ... The materials are a step up from before, and the equipment on hand is in line with the class. The front seats are comfortable, and every Legacy now includes tilt and telescoping steering.

Subaru's other priority is to offer a better deal to customers, which means significant price cuts: $3,000 less on entry level models, through $2,000 on the top-of-the-line GT. The new 2.5i starts at only $23,995 with a generous level of standard equipment. The PZEV is next at $26,395 with standard CVT and 16-in aluminum wheels.

For those looking for more power, the 3.6R begins at $31,895, while the GT tops out at a cool $38,995.

Oddities? A few. The plasti-wood in the up-level Limited models is an insult to trees. The antenna for the standard Sirius satellite radio isn't on the roof where you would expect to find it — it's a large, black blister stuck inside the windshield.

Overall, Subaru has created a very successful update of the Legacy: it's familiar to those who were already fans, but its increased size and reduced price will certainly appeal to those shopping the Honda/Nissan/Toyota triangle. The competition should watch its mirrors.

Every Legacy now includes tilt and telescopic steering, among other improvements.

2010 Subaru Legacy

Type: Four-door sedan
Price: from $23,995
Engine: 170-hp 2.5L SOHC to 265-hp 2.5L turbocharged DOHC

Highlights

- Increased space
- Less expensive than before
- PZEV model available for the green driver

The 2010 370Z Roadster

Nissan 370Z Roadster out next month

PRICING Nissan Canada recently announced pricing on the all-new 2010 Nissan 370Z Roadster, which goes on sale in October across Canada. The model will start at $46,998 and $48,498 for the six-speed manual and 7-speed automatic transmissions respectively. One model, the Touring Roadster, will be offered in Canada with base, Sport and Navi packages available.

"The 370Z Roadster delivers an exhilarating connection to the air, wind and environment on top of the new Z(R) Coupe's exceptional levels of performance," said Ian Forsyth, director, corporate and product planning, Nissan Canada Inc. "But perhaps unexpected for a car this sporty is its greatly enhanced refinement and quality — as seen in features such as its one-touch, auto-locking convertible top and beautifully crafted interior."

The Roadster includes a standard automatic latching power top and Nissan Intelligent Key, standard heating and cooling ventilated net seats, Bluetooth hands-free phone System, satellite radio and available advanced Nissan navigation system. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Fuel from your home

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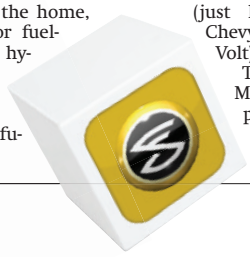
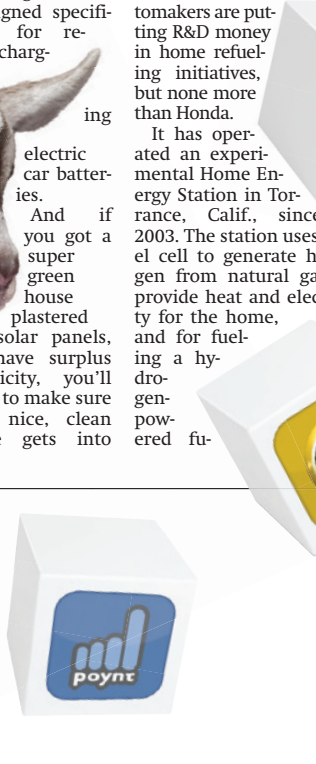
Honda's MCHP units are like little hybrids for homes, generating cleaner electricity for both houses and cars.





AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

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I was reminded of an emerging automotive trend while re-watching Woody Allen's 1973 film, Sleeper.

The film depicts life in 2173, and one of the more interesting appliances people have then is the Orgasmatron.

It looks like a small, round closet, and people go in there, either singularly or as a couple, to quickly and cleanly fulfill a function its name suggests.

This got me thinking about another home-based device that will also surely be part of our future — and one that even sort of looks like the Orgasmatron. Of course, I speak of home-based automotive refuelling stations.

Some examples are here already and many more are coming, because the way we energize our homes and the way we energize our automobiles seem to be converging.

Electric cars can already be recharged on home current. In the years ahead, we're sure to have high-voltage outlets that are designed specifically for recharging electric car batteries.

And if you got a super green house plastered with solar panels, and have surplus electricity, you'll want to make sure this nice, clean juice gets into your car somehow.

Lots of automakers are putting R&D money in home refueling initiatives, but none more than Honda.

It has operated an experimental Home Energy Station in Torrance, Calif., since 2003. The station uses a fuel cell to generate hydrogen from natural gas, to provide heat and electricity for the home, and for fueling a hydrogen-powered fuel-cell vehicle.

But I think Honda's neatest such device is the MCHP (for Micro-sized Combined Heat and Power-cogeneration). It's basically a little hybrid for your basement. Natural gas powers a small engine, that runs a generator that makes electricity (just like Chevy Volt).

The MCHP is paired with a furnace or boiler to generate heat, and up to 1.2 kilowatts of electricity, which could displace the electricity that a homeowner would otherwise have to buy off the grid. Honda says a typical house could see a 30 percent reduction in fuel costs.

Honda has sold over 50,000 of these units in Japan since 2003, and is now selling them, for about 10 grand each, in a few states in the U.S. Northeast.

No silver bullet. But maybe another piece of the puzzle.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years.

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Travel

Surfs up Vancouver

In professional surfing, it's all about big waves — and the big prize. Come fall, Tofino, on Vancouver Island's wild west coast, will set the scene for Canada's first-ever pro surfing competition (Oct. 25 to 31). More than 100 professional surfers will hit the beaches, gunning for points during this World Qualifying Series. The competitor that secures the most marks throughout the series will take home the $145,000 purse. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Following in big footsteps

Dinosaur Trail lets visitors see life-sized prehistoric critters

The 5.5-metre-long Parasaurolophus is friendly and patient, allowing children to climb its back, sit on its tail and pat its bumpy, coral-coloured skin.

But walk along the tree-lined path and the evil nine-metre-long Albertosaurus lies in wait. The relative of Tyrannosaurus rex is ready to pounce — but will its next meal be the meat of the Edmontonia, with its head down as it tries to protect itself, or the young Styracosaurus across the path that seems to have wandered away from its herd?

The four are part of the recently completed dinosaur trail at the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science in Durham, N.C. The trail includes nine types of dinosaurs from the Late Cretaceous period, the last period before dinosaurs became extinct, 100 million to 65 million years ago.

It's also a period when dinosaurs roamed North Carolina, although none of those stalking the museum grounds lived here.

The first dinosaur, the plant-eating Parasaurolophus, was the favourite of five-year-old Hannah Myers of Raleigh, N.C., who visited the trail on a week day in August with her two older siblings and her grandmother.

"That's a nice dinosaur," she said as she played in the fossil pit at the end of the trail. "He's friendly to little people."

Whether the real Parasaurolophus was friendly or not — and the best we can say is that he wasn't a predator — the museum did purposely start with a welcoming dinosaur, one that sits in a grove with a sign that says Touch this Dinosaur, said Roy Griffiths, vice-president for exhibits and planning. The rest of the dinosaurs sit back from the trail, situated among plants and rocks, and are for viewing only.

"The idea was to give an immediate experience that satisfies the need to get close and interact with the model," Griffiths said.

"There's something about getting it out of your system that lets you move on to a deeper experience. That feeling of 'I want to get close' gets in the way later on, so we take care of that up front," he said.

The trail, which replaces the original trail that Hurricane Fran destroyed in 1996, is popular: In the first two weeks since it opened July 25, almost 35,000 people have visited the museum, compared with an average 13,100 visitors every two weeks in 2008. It cost $1.5 million US to build, a combination of bond money and private donations.

After the interplay among the Albertosaurus and its two possible victims, visitors look up to see the 20-metre-long Alamosaurus, whose neck and head are visible through the trees. At its feet, the two-metre-long Leptoceratops play, trying to avoid being stomped on by the larger feet of the Alamosaurus.

Studio Y Creations in Calgary built the full-sized sculptures, based on small models created by a dinosaur studio in Philadelphia.

At least as popular as the dinosaurs is what waits at the end of the trail: a fossil pit where foragers can find shark teeth, coral, shells and fish vertebrae from 23 million to 5 million years ago. The soil, taken from a mine, isn't as old as dinosaurs, whose fossils are more than 65 million years old.

Still, the pit invites children to get dirty as they shovel and sift for fossils. Five-year-old Collin Dock of Hillsborough, N.C , uncovered so many shark teeth that he shared with two new friends. Collin, the remains of grey, sandy soil evident on his face and legs, gleefully showed off his haul, stored in an eyeglasses case, as he skipped down the path, headed to a lemur exhibit elsewhere.

Why does he like dinosaurs? "They're from a long time ago," he said. "And we didn't get to see them." But, he added, he doesn't want to meet one now. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Alamosaurus towers over the Dinosaur Trail at the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science in Durham, N.C.

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Brandon Yocum, 10, of Roxboro, N.C., digs for fossils on the Dinosaur Trail at the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science.

Good to know

- Museum of Life and Science, 433 Murray Ave., Durham, N.C., 919-220-5429
- lifeandscience.org
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Is Stonehenge overrated?

Book offers alternate options to world's most famous sites

Is Stonehenge overrated? Too many people at Machu Picchu? And what about the crowds at the Grand Canyon?

A new book, Off the Tourist Trail: 1,000 Unexpected Travel Alternatives says some of the world's most famous destinations are over-visited, overpriced and overrated.

But for every place it smacks down, the book suggests alternatives that provide comparable if lesser-known experiences.

The book's entry on the Great Pyramids of Giza complains that "Cairo's urban sprawl has seen houses and fast-food chains expand to the very edge of the ancient site, where an unbroken procession of tour buses spill out their charges." Some of the alternatives — like the Pyramids of Meroe in Sudan, 230 kilometres from Khartoum — are not necessarily more appealing to the average traveller, simply because they are harder to reach, but others, like the Pyramid of Cestius, in Rome, are worth considering.

As an alternative to Stonehenge, the book suggests other ancient stone circles like Avebury, 135 kilometres from London, as well as places in Sweden and Germany. For alternatives to Petra, the ancient city carved from red sandstone in Jordan, the book recommends not just the rock-hewn churches of Lalibela, Ethiopia, but also the cliff dwellings of Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado and the rock pueblos of Bandelier National Monument in New Mexico.

Whether you'd honestly consider beaches in Perth, Australia, and the Outer Hebrides as realistic alternatives to Miami Beach or Cape Cod probably depends on where you live and how many flyer miles you feel like using up. But ideas from Off the Tourist Trail are thought-provoking: Isla del Sol on the border of Bolivia and Peru rather than Machu Picchu; Iguazu Falls in Argentina and Brazil instead of Niagara; Tikal, the ancient Mayan step pyramids of Guatemala, instead of Mexico's Chichen Itza; and Bryce Canyon, Utah, instead of the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

The book, a US$40 hardcover from DK Eyewitness Travel, has separate sections on cities, ruins, natural wonders, festivals, great journeys, architectural marvels, beaches, sports and activities, and arts and culture. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In brief

VATICAN CITY The Vatican says Friday nights at its museums have been a great success, so it is extending the initiative to include September and October. Museum officials announced in a statement Tuesday that the initiative proved to be so popular that nighttime visits will continue in September and October from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., with last admission at 9:30 p.m. Reservations are required and should be made on the Museums website: vatican.va. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Disney brings back Jackson film

Michael Jackson is to be honoured at Disneyland. The theme park is considering bringing back Captain EO, a 17-minute 3-D movie starring the late King of Pop which was originally shown at the venue in the '80s and '90s. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

Hottest Torso

Daniel Craig has been voted Hollywood's Hottest Torso in a lovefilm.com poll for the scene in Casino Royale where he emerges from the ocean wearing a pair of tiny blue swimming shorts. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Reviving The Beatles

Fab Four's catalogue digitally remastered for first time

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EMI MUSIC PHOTO

Recent polls suggest that The Beatles appeal to a greater cross section of generations than any other artist.

Pop music comes and goes. What's hot now will surely not be in a couple of years. Unless, of course, it's by The Beatles.

Forty years after the Fab Four folded, their popularity continues to cross all age groups. Recent polls show they appeal to a greater cross section of generations than any other artist — more than Sinatra, Elvis, or even Michael Jackson.

So mark today as something of an historic occasion — the day EMI releases the Beatles Remasters, a box set containing the band's complete original works, digitally remastered for the first time. These albums are what the folks at EMI call "the core catalogue."

They've made the date easy for us to remember — 9-9-09 as in "... Number Nine, Number Nine, Number Nine."

Besides offering a bigger, brighter sound, the digital remastering represents the first step in making Beatles music available for download to your iPod. Negotiations continue on that big-money deal, but it's only a matter of time. First they've got plastic to peddle.

Sales will be brisk. Pre-orders for the coveted mono version have already sold out on Amazon.com. Suggested list price for the stereo version is $293.79, but major retailers will offer it at closer to $190. If that's too steep, you can still purchase the CDs individually. (To draw in the kids, a Beatles edition of the Rock Band is also being released, at a price of about $250.)

The box set contains all of the Beatles LPs as originally released in England, plus the American version of Magical Mystery Tour with its five added singles.

There's a double disc called Past Masters, a compilation originally issued in 1987 containing 33 singles never placed on albums. The set also includes a documentary DVD, as well as mini-docs embedded in each CD.

For true aficionados, there's an alternative box available with the first ten discs remastered in original mono, the way they were first mixed by producer George Martin. That's priced $30 to $60 more.

So does "remastered" sound better? Well, yes and no. It's cleaner, fuller, more immediate. Highs are higher and lows lower. Some clicks and pops were removed, but always with the integrity of the original in mind.

The vocal separation is extraordinary. Check out the "oohoohs" in Fixing a Whole. The guitars of John and George come through so big and bright they glisten, while Paul's adventurous bass lines are revealed like never before on tracks such as And Your Bird Can Sing.

Ringo's innovative cadence on tracks like Ticket To Ride comes through loud and clear.

Sometimes, however, the clarity works to distraction. The opening chord of Hard Day's Night has never rung truer, but the incessant cowbell on I Should Have Known Better, and the bongos on Ticket to Ride were better lost in the mix.

And there's those little things that you may not have noticed before, like John's yawn on I'm Only Sleeping and his "bye-ee" at the start of the Sgt. Pepper's reprise.

The true value to this remarkable box set, however, is the fact that it's all there ... in one place ... to be savoured. Thirteen wondrous albums over just seven years, each one a creative breakthrough.

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#9 (voiced by Elijah Wood), #7 (voiced by Jennifer Connelly), and #5 (voiced by John C. Reilly) face peril in Shane Acker's epic adventure fantasy 9.

REVIEW With more and more computer-animated films coming out each year, it's easy for a non-Pixar entry to get lost in the shuffle.

Hopefully such a fate will not befall Shane Acker's debut, 9, the feature adaptation of his Oscar-winning short about a band of scrappy burlap dolls-come-to-life fighting against frightening contraptions that are all that's left of the war between men and machines. (The machines won, by the way.)

Like the little burlap refugees, the film itself comes off as scrappy, full of gumption. By focusing on characters less than a foot tall, it forces the audience to see the world from a much different vantage point, where much of our cast-off scrap can come in handy: Exact-o knives as sabers, headlight bulbs as torches.

And in the wreckage of an apocalyptic war, there's plenty of scrap to go around.

The addition of vocal talent doesn't always completely gel with the action. (The original short was dialogue-free.) And while the cast, including Elijah Wood, Jennifer Connolly and John C. Reilly, is quite game, something about the end result seems lacking.

Maybe it's the fixed expression of wonder on the dolls' faces, due mostly to their permanently wide metal eyes. No matter what they're saying, they always look kind of like simpletons.

But none of this ruins the film, which packs a lot of action and exploration into a very swift running time. And while the main goals of the patchwork heroes might get muddled, their spirit shines through. For something set in the charred wasteland of the fall of man, it's remarkably uplifting.

Screentimes

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critics' corner

Glee

As classes resume at McKinley High School, the glee club tosses out Will's (Matthew Morrison) choice of a disco song in favor of a blatantly sexual number when it performs for the first time in front of the student body. Will's nemesis, Sue Sylvester (Jane Lynch), sends the "Cheerios" to infiltrate the group. Jessalyn Gilsig, Lea Michele and Chris Colfer co-star in the new episode "Showmance." 6 PM on STR

Melrose Place

The addictively cheesy 1992-99 Fox soap gets a new millennial reboot on a different network, with Laura Leighton returning to her role as Sydney Andrews, now the landlady at the titular Los Angeles apartment complex. In the series opener, Violet Foster (Ashlee Simpson-Wentz), the newest tenant, discovers a bloody corpse in the courtyard pool. Thomas Calabro also reprises his original series role as Dr. Michael Mancini in "Pilot." 4 PM on STR

Brown, Cole join Jackson tribute

MUSIC Mary J. Blige, Chris Brown and Natalie Cole will be among the top artists performing at a Sept. 26 Michael Jackson tribute concert in Vienna, organizers said Tuesday.

But they left open the possibility that major stars such as Madonna might still be part of the show, which will take place outside a 17th-century palace in the Austrian capital.

"Just hold your horses!" Jackson's brother Jermaine told reporters at a packed news conference in Vienna's city hall.

Event promoter Georg Kindel said that up to 25 performers are expected to participate in concert, which is being billed as the main global tribute for the King of Pop, who died June 25 in Los Angeles.

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Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt

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Fashion world repercussions
Victoria Beckham is reportedly devastated after learning she won't be gracing the cover of U.S. Vogue — because she has already posed for the magazine's main competitor, Elle, femalefirst.co.uk reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Nicole ready to pop?

ANY MINUTE NOW Nicole Richie is ready to pop. The former reality star, who is pregnant with her second child with Joel Madden, reportedly checked into a Los Angeles hospital last week after attending a memorial service for ex-boyfriend DJ AM, according to Hollyscoop.

Richie's due date is reportedly some time in early September.

"It's very exciting," Nicole's father, Lionel Richie, said. "Joel is hoping for a boy, but knowing Nicole she's hoping for a little girl again. They're not telling me what sex the baby is because I'll tell everyone."

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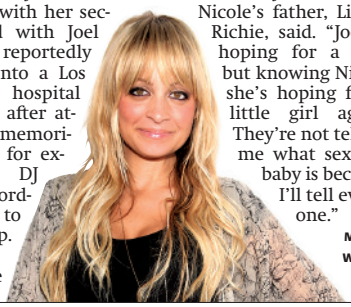

That's amore: George's Italian fling

NEW GIRLFRIEND His hand still bandaged from a motoring accident last month, George Clooney was spotted arriving in Venice Monday sporting something that's all the rage in Italy — TV presenter Elisabetta Canalis, people.com reports.

The day before the premiere of his movie, Men Who Stare at Goats, the couple made a grand arrival at the Venice Film Festival following a water taxi ride across the city's lagoon, prompting Italian papers to gush over the pair as the next Brad and Angelina.

Clooney, 48, and the woman better known to local media as "La Canalis" or simply "Eli" have been inseparable the past three weeks, spending much of their time at his lakeside village in Como.

Clooney was introduced to his new amore in Rome, but apparently carried a torch for Canalis even while still dating his then-girlfriend Sarah Larson. According to actor Alessandro Siani, who co-starred with Canalis in a 2006 Italian movie called Christmas in New York, a mysterious car would follow Siani and Canalis every day after filming, when Siani accompanied her back to the hotel where they were staying.

"One day I finally decided to go over and confront the occupants of the car. I went over and to my surprise, who was sitting in the car? George Clooney!" Siani told an Italian magazine. "This isn't a new fling."

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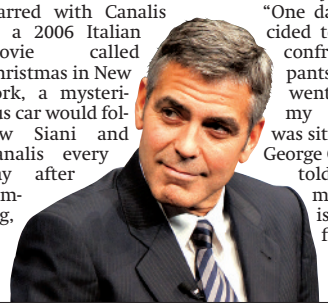

Eric and Rebecca expecting baby?

RUMOUR MILL Grey's Anatomy star Eric Dane and his wife, Rebecca Gayheart, may have found the a story to distract people from their nude videotape scandal. Sources say they are expecting their first child, according to Page Six.

Dane was seen repeatedly putting a protective hand on Gayheart's stomach during a memorial service for DJ AM.

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Michael's new neighbours

DESIRABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD Michael Jackson has sparked a real estate boon at the cemetery where he was laid to rest in Glendale, Calif.

Representatives of Forest Lawn Memorial Park tell TMZ that since Jackson was buried, plots surrounding his have increased in price by $2,000 to $3,000 US.

"When a high-profile person comes in, it can affect the prices of the surrounding plots," a Forest Lawn rep said.

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Can Mischa feel the pump?

NOT A GYM-RAT Mischa Barton is having a hard time motivating herself to exercise, apparently.

The actress was spotted outside a New York City gym recently looking anything but ready for a workout, according to Gatecrasher.

"She had a bag of McDonald's in hand and was complaining to someone who looked like a trainer," said a source, who claims the actress was overheard pouting, "Do I have to?"

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Matt gained weight with relish

SECRET FATTY Matt Damon didn't exactly have a tough time gaining 30 pounds for his latest film, The Informant. In fact, he enjoyed it.

"It was very, very easy to gain the weight," the former People's Sexiest Man Alive told People. "It was very, very fun, probably the funnest time I had working because I didn't have to go to the gym after work and I just ate everything I could see."

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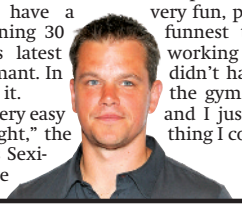

Celebrity tweets

Katy Perry gets her priorities straight while house hunting.

• @katyperry Main request in finding a home, must have a slip and slide hill. No if's ands or what's about it. Will trade crown molding for.

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Jon and Kate's hate

MARRIAGE GONE SOUR Kate Gosselin didn't just steal a decade of estranged hubby Jon Gosselin's life — she also swiped his wedding ring, Jon claims.

Jon, 32, blasted his soon-to-be-ex on Good Morning America Monday in the latest of what's become a series of tirades, people.com reports. He also announced that he despises Kate, 34, who he says filled their many years of marriage with anger and abuse.

It's a long way from only a couple weeks ago, when he said he still loved her.

Almost as bad, he says, she stole his wedding band. He put down the ring one day only to have it disappear — and Kate's the only person who could have taken it, he alleges.

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Jennifer knows best

RELATIONSHIP GURU Jennifer Aniston has had plenty of experience with relationships, so she feels more than qualified to dish out some advice.

"Women complain that men don't do enough, but it's your own fault," she said in the Australian edition of Harper's Bazaar.

"You train your man to do nothing. You can't blame someone for not knowing what his or her job should be if you don't ask for it right off the bat."

She also theorizes that women give too much in relationships because "it's just instinctual as a woman to be the caretaker of your home."

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Hilary finds love in unusual place

THE UNEXPECTED After her nine-year marriage to Chad Lowe ended in 2006, Hilary Swank needed someone to lean on for support, and that person just happened to be her agent, popeater.com reports.

Although initially there was "no spark" between the 35-year-old Oscar winner and John Campisi, in time it became clear there was something there.

"What's interesting is, there was never anything, it wasn't until we were well into the dissipation of our respective relationships — going through something so difficult at the same time, we became very good friends," she told Hello!

After they began dating, they opted to nix their professional relationship. "We became closer and closer. It was so unexpected. We both recognized that if we were going to take the relationship to the next step, we could no longer work together."

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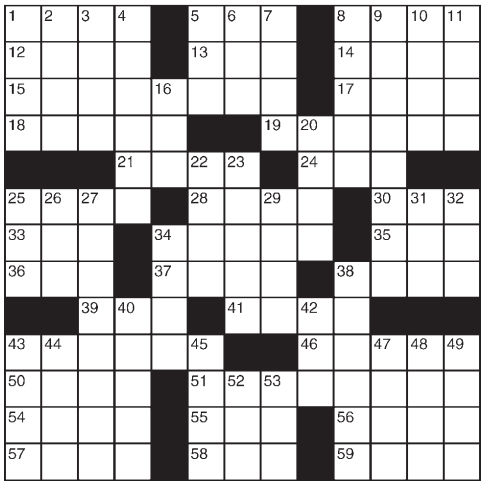

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24 12-Across, e.g.
25 Wee bit
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33 Luau bowlful
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35 Knight's address
36 Drone
37 Antelope's playmate
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39 Early bird?
41 Do what I say
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43 Test the waters
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45 Hoodlum
47 Miles of movies
48 Addict
49 "Hey, you!"
52 Carte lead-in
53 They're faster than e-mails

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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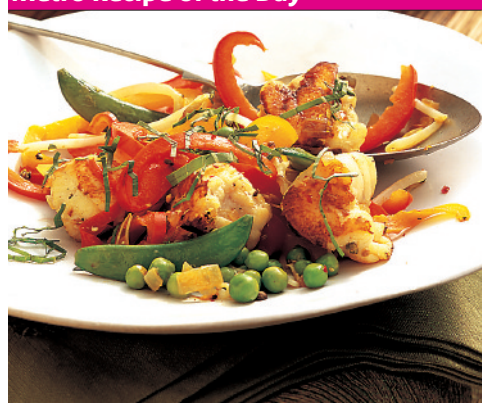

Peppered Fish with Lemon and Basil

INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp (25 ml) vegetable oil
1 onion, finely chopped
2 red peppers, deseeded and thinly sliced
2 yellow peppers, deseeded and thinly sliced
6 oz (175 g) sugar snap peas
1 lb (500 g) firm white fish fillet, skinned and cut into 1 ½-in. (4 cm) chunks
1 lemon, zest grated and juiced
2 tsp (10 ml) mixed peppercorns, coarsely crushed
1/4 cups (300 ml) frozen peas, thawed
1/4 cups (300 ml) bean sprouts
Small bunch fresh basil, finely shredded

METHOD:

1. Heat wok or large frying pan over high heat and add 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil. Add onion and stir-fry 1 minute. Stir in peppers and sugar snap peas; continue stir-frying 3–5 minutes until vegetables are tender but still crisp. Transfer vegetables to plate using slotted spoon and keep in warm place.
2. Add remaining oil to wok and heat, then add fish and stir-fry over gentle heat 4 minutes (carefully turning chunks so as not to break them up) until fish is cooked through and flakes easily when tested with point of knife.
3. Add lemon zest, lemon juice and crushed peppercorns to wok. Return stir-fried vegetables to wok together with peas and bean sprouts. Heat through, stirring, 2–3 minutes. Scatter basil over top and serve at once.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Moderation is a must today because with Mars, your ruler, under pressure in the emotional sign of Cancer you will find it difficult to stop once you start.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Someone you meet while travelling or socializing will be a lot of fun and there is even a chance of romance if you are unattached.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Your taste for luxuries may well get the better of you today, but that's OK as you need something to cheer you up.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
There is a danger that you could be a bit too casual today and let others get away with things they don't really deserve.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
By all means help people in need today, but first make sure that they are deserving cases. Some individuals will try to make a buck or two.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You don't have to back down in the face of provocation but look for ways you can be friends with people rather than enemies.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Someone you are not naturally close to will treat you like a long lost friend today. Should you be suspicious?

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
With Mars moving through one of the more positive areas of your chart this should be a highly productive time for you.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You need to get over the idea that you can force other people to see things your way. It's not going to happen.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Cosmic activity in your opposite sign of Cancer will bring some kind of challenge, but you are well equipped to deal with it.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Wishful thinking may be fun but it won't pay the bills or take you closer to your long-term goals.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
As far as some people are concerned you can do no wrong. As far as others are concerned you can do no right. You cannot be friends with everyone.

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